1880

1880 (MDCCCLXXX) was a leap year starting on Thursday of the Gregorian calendar and a leap year starting on Tuesday of the Julian calendar, the 1880th year of the Common Era (CE) and *Anno Domini* (AD) designations, the 880th year of the 2nd millennium, the 80th year of the 19th century, and the 1st year of the 1880s decade. As of the start of 1880, the Gregorian calendar was 12 days ahead of the Julian calendar, which remained in localized use until 1923.

Millennium:	2nd millennium
Centuries:	18th century · **19th century** · 20th century
Decades:	1860s · 1870s · **1880s** · 1890s · 1900s
Years:	1877 · 1878 · 1879 · **1880** · 1881 · 1882 · 1883

1880 in various calendars

Gregorian calendar	1880 *MDCCCLXXX*
Ab urbe condita	2633
Armenian calendar	1329 ԹՎ ՌՅՒԹ
Assyrian calendar	6630
Bahá'í calendar	36–37
Balinese saka calendar	1801–1802
Bengali calendar	1287
Berber calendar	2830
British Regnal year	43 Vict. 1 – 44 Vict. 1
Buddhist calendar	2424
Burmese calendar	1242
Byzantine calendar	7388–7389
Chinese calendar	己卯年 (Earth Rabbit) 4576 or 4516 *— to —*

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Events

January–March

- January 22 – Toowong State School is founded in Queensland, Australia.
- February – The journal *Science* is first published in the United States, with financial backing from Thomas Edison.
- February 2
  - The first electric streetlight is installed in Wabash, Indiana.
  - The first successful shipment of frozen mutton from Australia arrives in London, aboard the SS *Strathleven*.
- February 4 – The Black Donnelly Massacre takes the lives of five members of one family in Biddulph Township, Middlesex County, Ontario, Canada.
- February 24 – The SS *Columbia*, which will be the first outside usage of Thomas Edison's incandescent light bulb, is launched at the Delaware River Iron Ship Building and Engine Works of John Roach & Sons in Chester, Pennsylvania.
- March 31 – Wabash, Indiana becomes the first electrically lit city in the world.

April–June

- April – The government of Cape Colony sets a deadline for the Basuto people to surrender their weapons; non-compliance leads to the Basuto Gun War.
- April 18 – 1880 United Kingdom general election: William Ewart Gladstone defeats Benjamin Disraeli, to become Prime Minister for the second time.[1]
- April 19 – The Prime Minister of Sweden, Louis De Geer, resigns over the defeat of a defense reform bill in the country's Riksdag; he is succeeded by Count Arvid Posse (1880–1883).
- April 27 – The Royal University of Ireland is founded by charter, allowing the Catholic University of Ireland to re-form as University College Dublin.
- May 2 – After having her lights installed by Edison's personnel, the SS *Columbia* is lit up for the first time at the foot of Wall Street, in New York City.
- May 13 – In Menlo Park, New Jersey, Thomas Edison performs the first test of his electric railway.
- June – The SS *Columbia* sets off on her maiden voyage around Cape Horn to Portland, Oregon, carrying 13 locomotives and 200 railcars.
- June 1 – Tinius Olsen is awarded a United States Patent, for the Little Giant Testing Machine.
- June 28 – Australian police capture bank robber Ned Kelly, after a gun battle at Glenrowan, Victoria.
- June 29 – France annexes Tahiti.

July–September

- July 14 – Dorchester Penitentiary opens in Canada.
- July 22 – Abdur Rahman Khan becomes Emir of Afghanistan.
- July 27 – Second Anglo-Afghan War – Battle of Maiwand: Afghan troops under Ayub Khan defeat British and Indian forces, under Brigadier General George Burrows.
- August 14 – Cologne Cathedral is completed, after construction began in 1248, 632 years earlier.
- August 24 – The SS *Columbia* completes her maiden voyage, arriving without incident in Portland, Oregon, after a stopover in San Francisco.
- August 26 – Competing circus owners P. T. Barnum and James A. Bailey sign a contract in Bridgeport, Connecticut to create the Barnum & Bailey Circus. In 1907, the circus will merge forces with another competitor, the Ringling Brothers Circus.[2]
- September 1 – Second Anglo-Afghan War – Battle of Kandahar: General Frederick Roberts, commanding British forces, defeats the Afghan troops of Mohammad Ayub Khan, bringing an end to the war.[3]

	庚辰年 (Metal Dragon) 4577 or 4517
Coptic calendar	1596–1597
Discordian calendar	3046
Ethiopian calendar	1872–1873
Hebrew calendar	5640–5641
Hindu calendars	
- *Vikram Samvat*	1936–1937
- *Shaka Samvat*	1801–1802
- *Kali Yuga*	4980–4981
Holocene calendar	11880
Igbo calendar	880–881
Iranian calendar	1258–1259
Islamic calendar	1297–1298
Japanese calendar	Meiji 13 (明治１３年)
Javanese calendar	1808–1809
Julian calendar	Gregorian minus 12 days
Korean calendar	4213
Minguo calendar	32 before ROC 民前32年
Nanakshahi calendar	412
Thai solar calendar	2422–2423
Tibetan calendar	阴土兔年 (female Earth-Rabbit) 2006 or 1625 or 853 — *to* — 阳金龙年 (male Iron-Dragon)

2007 or 1626 or 854

October–December

- October – The *Blizzard of 1880* begins in North America.
- October 1 – German company *Munich Re* is founded in Munich.
- October 6 – The University of Southern California opens its doors to 53 students and 10 faculty.
- October 15 – Mexican soldiers kill Victorio, one of the greatest Apache military strategists.
- October 28 – The first stone is laid for the Clarkson Memorial in Wisbech, England.
- November 2 – U.S. presidential election, 1880: James Garfield defeats Winfield S. Hancock.
- November 4 – The first cash register is patented by James and John Ritty of Dayton, Ohio.
- November 9 – A major earthquake strikes Zagreb and destroys many buildings, including Zagreb Cathedral.
- November 11 – Australian bushranger and bank robber Ned Kelly is hanged in Melbourne.
- November 22 – Vaudeville actress Lillian Russell makes her debut at Tony Pastor's Theatre, in New York City.
- December 1 – Manuel González Flores (1833-1893) becomes the 31st President of Mexico.[4]
- December 20 – First Boer War: The Battle of Bronkhorstspruit results in a Boer victory over the British.
- December 30 – The Transvaal becomes a republic, and Paul Kruger becomes its first president.

Date unknown

- Pierre Savorgnan de Brazza signs a treaty of protection with the chief of the large Teke tribe, and begins to establish a French protectorate on the north bank of the Congo River.
- Piezoelectricity is discovered by Pierre Curie and Jacques Curie.
- The Capuchin catacombs of Palermo are officially closed (there will be some burials afterwards).
- The Department of Scientific Temperance Instruction, of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, is established in the United States.
- Venn diagrams are developed and published in the Philosophical Magazine and Journal of Science by John Venn, in his paper entitled *On the Diagrammatic and Mechanical Representation of Propositions and Reasonings*.

Births

January

- January 1 – Vajiravudh, Rama VI, King of Siam (d. 1925)
- January 2 – Louis Charles Breguet, French aircraft designer, builder and early aviation pioneer (d. 1955)
- January 3 – Father Francis Browne, Irish Jesuit priest, famous for his last photos of the *RMS Titanic* (d. 1960)
- January 6 – Tom Mix, American actor (d. 1940)
- January 10 – Manuel Azaña, 2nd President of the Spanish Second Republic, 55th Prime Minister of Spain (d. 1940)

- January 11 – Rudolph Palm, Curaçao-born composer (d. 1950)
- January 17 – Mack Sennett, Canadian director, producer (d. 1960)
- January 18 – Paul Ehrenfest, Austrian-Dutch physicist (d. 1933)
- January 19 – Henryk Minkiewicz, Polish general and politician (d. 1940)
- January 26
  - Sylvia Ashton, American actress (d. 1940)
  - Douglas MacArthur, American general (d. 1964)
- January 28
  - Herbert Strudwick, English cricketer (d. 1970)
  - Dorothy Donnelly, American actress, lyricist (d. 1928)
- January 29 – W. C. Fields, American actor, comedian (d. 1946)

King Vajiravudh

February

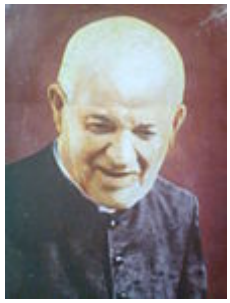
- February 5 – Gabriel Voisin, French aviation pioneer (d. 1973)
- February 8 – Franz Marc, German artist (d. 1916)
- February 12
  - John L. Lewis, American labor union leader (d. 1969)
  - George Preca, Maltese saint (d. 1962)
- February 14 – Frederick J. Horne, American four-star Admiral (d. 1959)
- February 16 – Frank Burke, American baseball player (d. 1946)
- February 17 – Reginald Farrer, English botanist (d. 1920)
- February 19 – Álvaro Obregón, 39th President of Mexico (d. 1928)
- February 21 – Waldemar Bonsels, German writer (d. 1952)
- February 22
  - Eric Lemming, Swedish athlete (d. 1930)
  - Frigyes Riesz, Hungarian mathematician (d. 1956)
- February 27 – Olivia Nordgren, Swedish politician (d. 1969)

Douglas MacArthur

Franz Marc

March

- March 1 – Lytton Strachey, English writer, biographer (d. 1932)
- March 4 – Channing Pollock, American playwright, critic (d. 1946)
- March 10 – Broncho Billy Anderson, American actor (d. 1971)
- March 11 – Harry H. Laughlin, American eugenicist (d. 1943)
- March 15 – Montagu Love, English actor (d. 1943)
- March 22 – Kuniaki Koiso, Prime Minister of Japan (d. 1950)
- March 23 – Heikki Ritavuori, Finnish Minister of the Interior (d. 1922)
- March 27 – Ruth Hanna McCormick, American politician, activist and publisher (d. 1944)
- March 28 – Louis Wolheim, American character actor (d. 1931)
- March 30 – Seán O'Casey, Irish writer (d. 1964)


George Preca

April

Kuniaki Koiso

- April 13 – Charles Christie, Canadian-born film studio owner (d. 1955)
- April 15 – Max Wertheimer, Austrian-born psychologist, father of Gestalt Theory (d. 1943)
- April 18 – Sam Crawford, American Baseball Hall of Famer (d. 1968)
- April 30 – Charles Exeter Devereux Crombie, Scottish-born cartoonist (d. 1967)

May

Ernst Ludwig Kirchner

- May 6
  - Edmund Ironside, British field marshal (d. 1959)
  - Ernst Ludwig Kirchner, German painter (d. 1938)
  - William J. Simmons, American founder of the second Ku Klux Klan (d. 1945)
- May 14
  - B. C. Forbes, Scottish-born financial publisher (d. 1954)
  - Wilhelm List, German field marshal (d. 1971)
- May 21 – Tudor Arghezi, Romanian writer (d. 1967)
- May 25
  - Jean Alexandre Barré, French neurologist (d. 1967)
  - Alf Common, English footballer (d. 1946)
- May 29 – Oswald Spengler, German philosopher (d. 1936)

June

Helen Keller

- June 6 – W. T. Cosgrave, Irish politician (d. 1965)
- June 9 – William S. Pye, American admiral (d. 1959)
- June 17 – Carl Van Vechten, American writer, photographer (d. 1964)
- June 21 – Josiah Stamp, 1st Baron Stamp, British civil servant, industrialist and economist (d. 1941)
- June 24 – João Cândido Felisberto, Brazilian sailor (d. 1969)
- June 26 – Mitchell Lewis, American actor (d. 1956)
- June 27 – Helen Keller, American spokeswoman for the deaf and blind (d. 1968)
- June 29 – Ludwig Beck, German general, Chief of the General Staff (d. 1944)
- June 30 – Elisabeth Tamm, Swedish politician (d. 1958)

July

- July 1 – Tuti Yusupova, Uzbekistani longevity claimant (d. 2015)
- July 3 – Carl Schuricht, German conductor (d. 1967)
- July 5 – Jan Kubelík, Czech violinist (d. 1940)

- July 11 – Friedrich Lahrs, German architect (d. 1964)
- July 12 – Tod Browning, American motion picture director, horror film pioneer (d. 1962)
- July 15 – Alessandro Guidoni, Italian air force general (d. 1928)
- July 21 – Milan Rastislav Štefánik, Slovak General, politician and astronomer (d. 1919)
- July 24
  - Ernest Bloch, Swiss-born composer (d. 1959)
  - Kristian Hellström, Swedish athlete (d. 1946)
- July 26
  - Volodymyr Vynnychenko, 1st Prime Minister of Ukraine (d. 1951)
  - Jean Clemens, youngest of Mark Twain (d. 1909)

August

Earle Page

- August 4 – Werner von Fritsch, German general (d. 1939)
- August 6 – Hans Moser, Austrian actor (d. 1964)
- August 8 – Earle Page, 11th Prime Minister of Australia (d. 1961)
- August 10 – Robert L. Thornton, American businessman, philanthropist and mayor of Dallas, Texas (d. 1964)
- August 12 – Christy Mathewson, American baseball player (d.1925)
- August 15 – Anna Rüling, German journalist, the first known lesbian activist (d. 1953)
- August 19 – Jean Patou, French fashion designer (d. 1936)
- August 22 – George Herriman, American cartoonist (d. 1944)
- August 23 – Wyndham Standing, English stage, film actor (d. 1963)
- August 26 – Guillaume Apollinaire, French poet (d. 1918)
- August 29 – Marie-Louise Meilleur, longest-lived Canadian (verified) ever (d. 1998)
- August 30 – Nikolai Astrup, Norwegian painter (d. 1928)
- August 31 – Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands (d. 1962)

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September

- September 12 – H. L. Mencken, American journalist (d. 1956)
- September 14
  - Metropolitan Benjamin (Fedchenkov), Eastern Orthodox missionary and writer, Exarch of the Russian Church in North America (d. 1961)
  - Archie Hahn, American athlete (d. 1955)
- September 15 – Chujiro Hayashi, Japanese Reiki master (d. 1940)
- September 16 – Alfred Noyes, English poet (d. 1958)
- September 20 – Ugo Cavallero, Italian field marshal (d. 1943)
- September 22 – Christabel Pankhurst, English suffragette (d. 1958)
- September 23 – John Boyd Orr, Scottish physician and biologist, recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize (d. 1971)
- September 24 – Sarah Knauss, American supercentenarian verified as longest-lived American ever (d. 1999)

- September 27 – Pier Ruggero Piccio, Italian World War I fighter ace, air force general (d. 1965)
- September 29 – Liberato Pinto, 78th Prime Minister of Portugal (d. 1949)

October

- October 2 – Nicolae M. Condiescu, Romanian novelist and general (d. 1939)
- October 4 – Damon Runyon, American writer (d. 1946)
- October 7 – Paul Hausser, German general (d. 1972)
- October 12 – Marcel-Bruno Gensoul, French admiral (d. 1973)
- October 17 - Jabotinsky, Zionist Philosopher, intelectual (d. 1940)
- October 23
  - Hong Yi, born Li Shutong, Chinese Buddhist artist, art teacher (d. 1942)
  - Una O'Connor, Irish actress (d. 1959)
- October 24 – Antonina De Angelis, Italian Roman Catholic religious professed and blessed (d. 1962)

November

- November 1
  - Grantland Rice, American sportswriter (d. 1954)
  - Alfred Wegener, German scientist, meteorologist (d. 1930)
- November 2 – John Foulds, English classical music composer (d. 1939)
- November 3 – Avra Theodoropoulou, Greek suffragist (d. 1957)
- November 5 – Richard Oswald, Austrian film director (d. 1963)
- November 6 – Robert Musil, Austrian novelist (d. 1942)
- November 9 – Giles Gilbert Scott, British architect (d. 1960)
- November 10 – Jacob Epstein, American-born sculptor (d. 1959)
- November 12 – Harold Rainsford Stark, American admiral (d. 1972)
- November 18 – Naum Torbov, Bulgarian architect (d. 1952)
- November 22 – Charles Forbes, British admiral (d. 1960)
- November 25
  - John Flynn, Australian medical services pioneer (d. 1951)
  - Elsie J. Oxenham, born Elsie J. Dunkerley, English children's novelist (d. 1960)
- November 29 – Sara Allgood, Irish-American actress (d. 1950)

Alfred Wegener

Richard Oswald

December

- December 1 – Joseph Trumpeldor, Russian Zionist (d. 1920)
- December 3 – Fedor von Bock, German field marshal (d. 1945)
- December 4 – Garfield Wood, American motorboat racer (d. 1971)
- December 10 – Jessie Aspinall, Australian doctor, first female junior medical resident at the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital (d. 1953)
- December 11 – Frank Tarrant, Australian cricketer (d. 1951)

- December 24 – Johnny Gruelle, American cartoonist, children's book author (d. 1938)
- December 31 – George Marshall, United States Secretary of State, recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize (d. 1959)

George Marshall

Date unknown

- Tringe Smajli, Albanian guerrilla fighter, sworn virgin (d. 1917)

Deaths

January–June

Ana Neri

- January 4
  - Anselm Feuerbach, German painter (b. 1829)
  - Marthe Camille Bachasson, Count of Montalivet, French statesman (b. 1801)
- January 8 – Joshua A. Norton, self-anointed Emperor Norton I of the United States of America (b. 1811)
- January 12
  - Ellen Lewis Herndon Arthur, wife of Chester A. Arthur (b. 1837)
  - Ida, Countess von Hahn-Hahn, German author (b. 1805)
- January 14 – Frederick VIII, Duke of Schleswig-Holstein (b. 1829)
- January 20 – Captain Moonlite, Australian bushranger (hanged) (b. 1842)
- January 31 – Adolphe Granier de Cassagnac, French politician (b. 1806)
- February 18 – Nikolay Zinin, Russian organic chemist (b. 1812)
- February 29 – Sir James Milne Wilson, Premier of Tasmania (b. 1812)
- March 14 – Pagan Min, King of Ava (b. 1811)
- March 31 – Henryk Wieniawski, Polish composer (b. 1835)
- April 23 – Raden Saleh, Indonesian painter (b. 1807)
- April 27 – Joseph Vinoy, French general (b. 1803)
- May 2
  - Eunice Hale Waite Cobb, American public speaker (b. 1803)
  - Tom Wills, Australian cricketer, pioneer of Australian rules football (b. 1835)
- May 4 – Edward Clark, Confederate Governor of Texas (b. 1815)
- May 8 – Gustave Flaubert, French novelist (b. 1821)
- May 20 – Ana Néri, Brazilian nurse (b. 1814)
- June 8 – Maria Alexandrovna (Marie of Hesse), Empress Consort of Czar Alexander II of Russia (b. 1824)
- June 28 – Texas Jack Omohundro, American frontier scout, actor, and cowboy (b. 1846)

July–December

- July 7 – Lydia Maria Child, American novelist, abolitionist (b. 1802)

- July 9 – Paul Broca, French physician and anthropologist (b. 1824)
- July 17 – Tomasz Chołodecki, Polish political activist (b. 1813)
- July 21 – Hiram Walden, American politician (b. 1800)
- August 9 – William Bigler, American politician (b. 1814)
- August 15 – Adelaide Neilson, English actress (b. 1848)
- August 16 – Herschel Vespasian Johnson, American politician (b. 1812)
- August 17 – Ole Bull, Norwegian violinist (b. 1810)
- August 24 – Chief Ouray, Native American leader (b. c. 1833)
- September 21 – Manuel Montt, 5th President of Chile (b. 1809)
- September 25 – John Tarleton, British admiral (b. 1811)
- October 5 – Jacques Offenbach, German-born French composer (b. 1819)
- October 14 – Victorio, Chiricahua Apache chief (b. c. 1825)
- October 22 – Alphonse Pénaud, French aviation pioneer (b. 1850)
- October 23 – Bettino Ricasoli, Italian statesman (b. 1809)
- November 11
  - Ned Kelly, Australian bush ranger (hanged) (b. c. 1855)
  - Lucretia Mott, American social activist (b. 1793)
- November 13 – August Karl von Goeben, Prussian general (b. 1816)
- November 23 – Sir Redmond Barry, Australian judge, sentenced Ned Kelly to death (b. 1813)
- November 28 – Aires de Ornelas e Vasconcelos, (Portuguese) Archbishop of Goa (b. 1837)
- November 30 – Jeanette Threlfall, English hymnwriter (b. 1821)
- December 7 – Maria Giuseppa Rossello, Italian Roman Catholic religious sister and blessed (b. 1811)
- December 20 – Gaspar Tochman, Polish-American soldier (b. 1797)
- December 22 – George Eliot, English writer (b. 1819)

Jacques Offenbach

Date Unknown

- Manolache Costache Epureanu, 2-time Prime Minister of Romania (b. 1823)
- Ng Akew, Chinese businesswoman

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